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Application No.: 10/037,219) Examiner: G. Collins
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For: PIPE HAVING WATER-TIGHT)
IN-LINE BELL)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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